



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

In the Matter of

Friends of Jane Harman and
Jacki Bacharach, as treasurer
Representative Jane Harman
Hughes Aircraft Company, et al.

MUR 3987

STATEMENT OF REASONS

This matter concerns Hughes Aircraft Company's collection and forwarding of \$21,000 in contributions from its high-level employees to Friends of Jane Harman in the fall of 1993. On April 23, 1996, we voted to pursue the corporation and corporate officers, and because of the Committee's apparent involvement in the in-house fundraiser, we also voted to find reason to believe with respect to Friends of Jane Harman and Jacki Bacharach, as treasurer. However, because of the lack of evidence that Rep. Harman had personal knowledge of the specific manner in which the corporation raised the contributions, we did not accept the General Counsel's recommendation with respect to the candidate. Instead, on May 2, 1996, we voted to find no reason to believe that Rep. Jane Harman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and closed the file with respect to the Congresswoman.

5-77-96
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